

**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**approved**

**For meeting of November 18, 2004**

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Ron Salk  
Bruce Alton  
Bob Luskin  
Carol Soccio  
Don Temple  
Deborah Veady

**MEMBERS  
ABSENT**

Alan Fox  
Doug Haubert  
Bernhard Clever

**STAFF  
PRESENT**

Chris Kunze  
Dottie Jones  
Sharon Diggs-Jackson  
Sileneka Smith  
Ken Ashmore  
Mike Mais

**OTHERS  
PRESENT**

Sign-in sheet attached or  
available on request

**Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Ron Salk called the Airport Advisory Commission to order at 4:10 p.m., at the Airport Marriott Hotel.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Chris Kunze, Airport Manager, called roll and certified that a quorum was present.

Vice-Chair Salk noted that Chairman Fox was absent from the meeting and that he would act as Chair.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Airport Advisory Commission minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2004 were approved as submitted.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Airport Bureau Staff Report**

- Christine Edwards gave an update on the Runway 12/30 Rehabilitation. She stated that the paving work is completed and the crew is now working on the electrical and grooving the pavement. She stated that the glide slope was flight checked and will resume service immediately. Ms. Edwards stated that as part of the project, an electrical upgrade is being installed that will allow for the centerline and touch down zone lighting, as well as additional power in the terminal area. She stated that the upgrade work would continue through the end of March, 2005.
- Ms Edwards reported on the AOPA Expo held October 22-24, 2005. She stated that there were over 11,000 pilots attending the Expo. She stated that AOPA informed staff to expect as many as 1,500-1,800 aircraft with good weather, however the Airport reportedly received 610 airplanes. Ms. Edwards stated that it was a successful event for the Airport and for the City of Long Beach. She stated that a debriefing/thank you conference will be held for the volunteers at the Marriott on Friday 11/19 at 5:30p.m.
- Mr. Kunze gave the Airline Flight Slot update. He stated that in the past several months, there have been 41 slots in use. However, currently only 39 are being used. He stated that American Airlines relinquished two of their slots, effective November 1, 2004, and under the settlement agreement with JetBlue and Alaska, those slots go back to JetBlue, effective when JetBlue puts down their performance bond. He stated

that the performance bond has been received, and they now have six months to make those slots operational.

- Mr. Kunze gave the Noise/Operations Update. He stated that the average load factor for all the airlines for October 2004 was 80%. He stated that the total passengers year-to-date are 1.24 million enplanements, with an anticipated 3 million annual passengers. Mr. Kunze stated that general aviation overall operations are basically static, year-to-date approximately 1% growth rate. He stated that the air cargo is showing 5.8% growth in October 2004.
- Mr. Ken Ashmore gave an update of the noise statistics for October 2004. He stated that there were 275 noise calls from one complainant. He stated that there was an unusual approach violation by UPS, which UPS is investigating. Ms. Sharon Diggs-Jackson gave an update on the Skytrak program. She stated that staff is working on the noise monitor replacements and the hardware for the system, and that she would be able to give a better time line when those units are installed.
- Mr. Kunze reviewed the presentation to the City Council Study Session on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He stated that staff, Chair of the Study Committee Ron Salk, and Chair of the Airport Advisory Commission Alan Fox made a presentation. He distributed three items that were discussed at the study session, a PowerPoint summary of what is now in place at the Airport, the process of the Study Committee meetings held by the Airport Advisory Commission, and the recommendations given to-date by the Airport Advisory Commission. He stated that the other documents referenced in the presentation are the Summary of Attorney's comments over the months of hearings, and a two-page graph with a breakdown of the recommended facilities and the two alternatives, including suggested phasing.

Commissioner Alton stated that in terms of a continued analysis, that the number of residences within the Airport arrival/departure zones be considered, as a possible rationale as why the Long Beach Airport receives more complaints than others.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Long Beach Airport History Presentation**

- Ms. Sharon Diggs-Jackson gave a presentation on Barbara London and her history as an aviator. Ms. Diggs-Jackson stated that a proposal is before the Planning Commission to name a street within the Airport as **Barbara London Drive**.

Commissioner Luskin moved that the Airport Advisory Commission support the naming of the street, Barbara London Drive. Vice-Chair Salk seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. London gave thanks and expressed appreciation. She stated that the honor is overwhelming to her and to let everyone responsible for the presentation know that she is deeply touched by the honor.

### **Parcel J Update**

- Mr. David Neary gave an update on Parcel J and distributed a postcard noting a website that provides updates on the development. He stated that presently they are

80% occupied and expect to open at 100% occupied. He introduced Stefano Colaiacomo, Head Chef for Stefano's DaVinci Restaurant. Mr. Colaiacomo distributed his menu and stated that the restaurant will be a fine dining restaurant and is scheduled to be opened at the end of January 2005. He stated that the bottom floor of the leasehold will house a deli and coffee shop with Stefano's DaVinci Restaurant on the top floor, all with an aviation theme. Mr. Colaiacomo gave a bag of gifts representing friendship with the City of Long Beach.

## **New Business**

### **Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Review**

- Mr. Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney gave an update on the Brown Act. He reviewed new developments and distributed a booklet entitled "Handbook for Long Beach City Officials, Employees and Commission Members", and stated that the information is on the City's website. Mr. Mais stated that the mentioned guide covers ethics, conflicts of interest, financial disclosure, accepting gifts, political activities, post City service restriction and open meeting laws. He reviewed the procedure of accepting gifts and disclosures, which is covered by the Fair Political Practices Act (FPPC).

Commissioner Temple stated that he would like to address the procedure of Commissioners authoring letters to the editor, and to address the affect of a Commissioner holding real estate.

Mr. Mais stated that the issue of a real estate conflict falls under the Fair Political Practices Act with the issue being whether or not there is an obligation to abstain from making a decision on an item that may come before the Commission. He stated that the general rule is that if real estate were owned within 500 feet of something that is coming before the Commission for decision, they would have to abstain. He stated that there are boundary guidelines that would be different from the 500-foot rule as stated by the FPPC. Mr. Mais stated that if there are specific questions that his office is available to assist in clarifying issues and will contact the FPPC. Commissioner Temple asked about a home that his daughter has in the flight path and would that be a problem for him as a Commissioner. Mr. Mais stated that the conflict of interest rules generally deal with financial conflicts of interest, and that his situation probably would not disqualify a vote. He stated that if the daughter was a source of income to him in excess of \$500, it could be a legal conflict.

Mr. Mais addressed the question of letters to the editor by Commissioners, and stated that as long as they were speaking for themselves and state so in any communication, there would be no conflict. He stated that the Airport Advisory Commission has adopted a set of guidelines to address protocol.

Commissioner Temple stated that he understands the procedure and noted that in the article of reference, that distinction was not made clear.

Commissioner Alton stated that he personally has made it very clear that when he exercises his first amendment rights, he states that he is speaking only for himself. However, the newspaper or other reporting agencies are not under the same requirement and he cannot be held responsible for their printed article.

Commissioner Luskin asked about their personal homes in the flight path, and would that disqualify them. Mr. Mais stated that one of the exceptions to that rule is that if a property is affected in the same way as a majority of other people is affected in the vicinity, there is no conflict. He stated that they would have to take maps and data to the FPCC for a decision.

Commissioner Soccio stated that she has been reminded that she is supposed to be working for the Airport, and that she is of the understanding that she should be working in the best interest of the City of Long Beach, and would like a clarification. Mr. Mais stated that there is an Ordinance that establishes the Commission. He stated that he would describe it as the Commission is not working for the Airport, but is working for the City Council as an advisory body. He stated that the Commission is to provide the City Council with information within an area of expertise. He stated that Commissioners should not be for or against the Airport, but to be neutral in providing best recommendation to the City Council so that they can make an informed decision.

Commissioner Alton stated that all members of the Commission have a single or set of interests associated with the Airport or they would not have shown interest in being a Commissioner. He stated that his interest is to make sure that the community's voice is actively heard. He stated that it might help relations if individuals with specific interests were candid. Commissioner Temple stated that he is in agreement with Commissioner Alton and that everyone is entitled to their opinion.

### **Public Comments**

Ms. Candy Robinson, Long Beach Flying Club, asked about the protocol of real estate agents voting for rental property adjacent to the Airport. Mr. Mais stated that typically there would not be a conflict unless there was a contract with a Commissioner to market the end product. He stated that the fact that a Commissioner is a real estate agent would not create a conflict, because no income had been received.

Ms. Robinson asked about the Commission protocol guidelines, and if the guidelines were violated what is the censure. Commissioner Veady stated that she was the Chair of the protocol committee that developed the guidelines, however, they did not identify consequences, and stated that it would be a good idea to revisit that concept to the protocol committee. Vice-Chair Salk gave the question to Mr. Mais if there were a manner of censure. Mr. Mais stated that it would be up to the body to fashion their own remedy. He stated that they could not unseat a Commissioner, however, they could make a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council that a member be removed.

Vice-Chair made a recommendation that the protocol committee, Chairman Fox, and Commissioner Haubert take up the subject and report back to the full Commission with a consultation with Commissioner Veady.

### **Commissioners Comments**

None

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dottie Jones, Airport Secretary, Long Beach Airport

**approved**